

**REMARKS**

**Status of the Claims.**

Claims 1-55 are pending in the application.

**Election/Restriction.**

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner restricted the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121, requiring Applicants to elect one of the following claim groups for prosecution in the present application:

- I. Claims 1-15, 16-34, and 55, ...drawn to methods for inhibiting fertilization comprising . . . .
- II. Claims 35-37, 39-44, and 49-52, ...drawn to compositions comprising at least one sulfonated compound . . . .
- III. Claims 38, 45-48, and 53-54, ...drawn to contraceptive devices comprising at least one sulfonated compound . . . .

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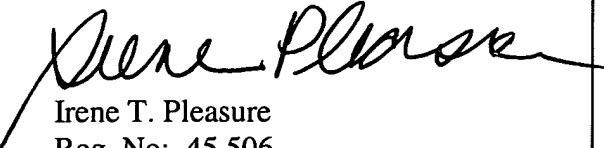
Applicants hereby elect Group II (claims 35-37, 39-44, and 49-52), without traverse.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the

Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 337-7871.

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